

REMARKS

Claims 1-8 and 10-12 are pending in this application. Claim 9 has been canceled without prejudice.

The December 23, 2008 Office Communication requests Applicants to provide details of the October 8, 2008 Interview.

October 8, 2008 Interview

During the Interview dated October 8, 2008, Applicants' representative, Garth M. Dahlen, Ph.D., Esq. discussed an unofficial copy of the above-amendment with the Examiner. The Examiner looked on the proposed amendment with favor. The Examiner requested that Applicants file the proposed amendment. The October 20, 2008 Amendment is similar in substance to the proposed amendment discussed during the October 8, 2008 Interview.

Incorporation by Reference

Applicants' amendments and remarks made in the October 20, 2008 Amendment are herein incorporated by reference in their entirety.

Conclusion

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Garth M. Dahlen (Reg. No. 43,575) at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

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If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37.C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.14; particularly, extension of time fees.

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